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Commissioner for Patents P.O Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Subject: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT.

Reference: Application Number 10/705,739 Filing Date 11/08/2003.

Dear Commissioner

The Applicant respectfully submits a Preliminary Amendment A attaching amended claims and drawings. The claims have been amended primarily for language and unambiguous teaching. The drawings have been amended to include clear legends.

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15 FOR: } A SECURE SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313

20 Sir:

The applicant is submitting herewith amended claims and drawings. The claims have been amended for grammatical corrections and for unambiguous teaching. The applicant has amended the drawings to simply include legends within the drawings for providing clarity. Examination of the claims is respectfully requested.